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1. SUMMARY. WE REVIEWED POINTS MADE REFTEL AND GAVE
TEXT OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR DPC COMMUNIQUE ON SPAIN
AND NATO TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS VAN DE
KERCHOVE. HIS REACTION, WHICH HE SAID WAS THAT OF BELGIAN
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GOVERNMENT, WAS NEGATIVE TO ANY MENTION OF SPAIN

AND NATO IN DPC COMMUNIQUE FOR SAME REASONS PREVIOUSLY
. END SUMMARY.

2. VAN DE KERCHOVE REVIEWED PREVIOUS POSITION
TAKEN (BRUSSELS 3641) AND NOTED THAT BELGIUM'S POSITION
WAS UNCHANGED FROM THAT INITIAL REACTION TO US PROPOSAL
AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITHIN BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.
TO UPDATE THAT PREVIOUS ANTI-FRANCO POSITION HE CITED
LOCAL PRESS ATTENTION GIVEN RECENT ARRESTS IN SPAIN.
HE EXPLAINED THAT BELGIUM UNDERSTOOD USG STRATEGIC
INTEREST IN SPAIN AND SAID HE ASSUMED PRESENT REGIME
WAS APPLYING ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON USG OVER BASE
NEGOTIATIONS. BELGIUM HOWEVER WISHED TO REMAIN CONSISTENT
WITH OTTAWA DECLARATION THAT NATO WAS MORE THAN A
MILITARY ALLIANCE AND THAT IT WAS IN FACT AN ALLIANCE
OF IDEOLOGICALLY LIKE-MINDED WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE
ASSERTED THAT ANY CHANGES IN THAT POSITION WOULD BE
POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.
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